

GRIMSBY PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Port Health Inspector

To 31st. December, 1944.

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GRINSBY PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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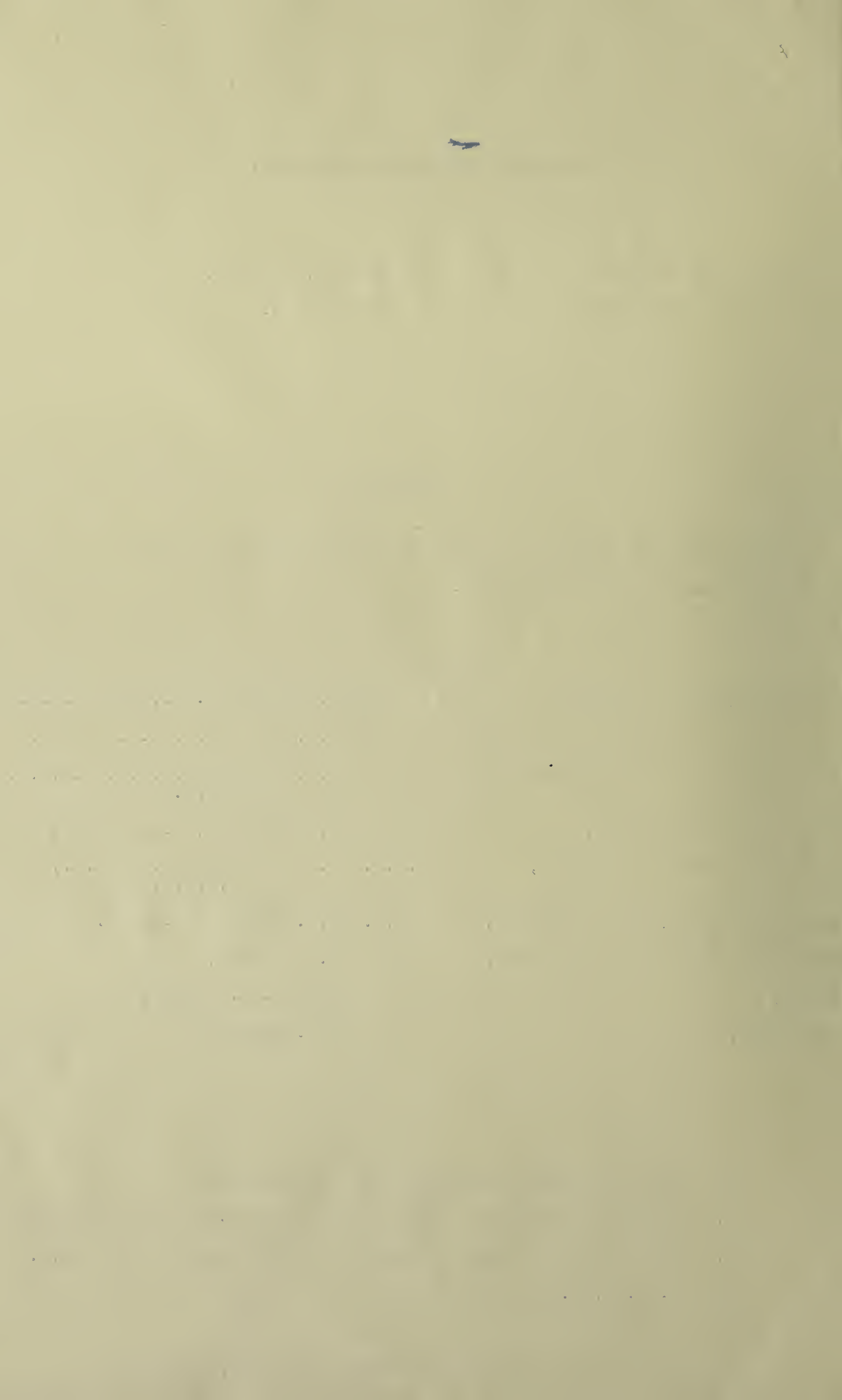
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Staff.

List of Officers forming the Staff of the Grimsby Port Health Authority, 31st. December, 1924.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Medical Officer of Health, | Ø J.M. Carr, D.Sc., M.D. D.P.H. |
| Acting Medical Officer of Health, | Ø J.E. Vane, M.D. D.P.H., D.L.S. |
| Acting Medical Officer of Health, | W.A. Taylor, M.B.S.S. L.R.C.P. D.P.H. |
| Chief of the Authority, | L. A. Stirling, M.A., LL.D., |
| Chief Port Health Inspector, | 1.2.3. A. Ingham, M.B.S.S.I., F.S.I.S. |
| Assistant Port Health Inspector, | 2.3. G.B. Segrott, M.B.S.I.A. |
| Assistant Port Health Inspector, | 2.3. T.J.L. Ford, |
| Clerk, | Miss D. L. Arthur, |
| Carretaker, | Mrs. Stefani. |

1. Master Mariner's Foreign-going Certificate.
2. Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate of the R.S.I. and S.I.S.J.B.
3. Meat and other Foods Inspectors' Certificates of the R.S.I.
- Ø O. H. H. S.



I. - ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE PORT OF LONDON

FOR THE YEAR 1934.

TABLE I.

Foreign-- Coastwise.

| | |
|--|------|
| Number inspected by the Medical Officer of Health..... | 6 |
| Number inspected by the Sanitary Inspector..... | 1627 |
| Number reported to be defective..... | 232 |
| Number of vessels on which defects were remedied..... | 185 |
| Number of vessels reported as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on board..... | Nil |
| Number of re-visits made by the Sanitary Inspector..... | 480 |

Admiralty Vessels.

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of vessels inspected and re-inspected..... | 42 |
| Number of vessels fumigated..... | 18 |

II. - SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY.

(a) For the Port

(b) For Shipping

These remain the same as reported on 1938.

(c) Water boats and their Sanitary condition:-

There are three water boats in use and these are regularly inspected and kept in a fit condition for the carriage of drinking water.

It is pleasing to note that the chlorinated water supply is now available for washing out trawler fish rooms.

III. - PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933.

The information under these Regulations is as described in the Annual Report 1934, except in regard to paragraph 8 relating to examination of rats and paragraph 10 relating to Venereal Disease. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rats for plague has now been made with the Pathologist at the

Grimsby and District Hospital, Grimsby.

During the year a total of 369 attendances were made by 121 foreign seamen at the Grimsby Venereal Disease Clinic. Of this number 45 were found to be suffering from syphilis, 49 from gonorrhoea, and 27 were found not to be suffering from Venereal Disease.

TABLE C.

Cases of Infectious Sickness landed from Vessels.

| Disease. | Number of cases during the year Crew | Number of Vessels Concerned. |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 1 | 1 |
| Scabies | 1 | 1 |

TABLE D.

There were no cases of Infectious Sickness occurring on vessels during the voyage and disposed of prior to arrival.

IV.- RATS DESTROYED DURING 1944.

TABLE E.

(1) On Vessels.

| (a) | (b) | (c) |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| No. of Rats Destroyed. | No. of Rats Examined | No. of Rats found to be infected with Plague |
| 452 | 22 | Nil |

TABLE F.

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

| (a) | (b) | (c) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| No. of Rats Destroyed | No. of Rats Examined | No. of Rats found to be infected with Plague |
| 6219 | Nil | - |

TABLE G.

Measures of Rat Destruction in Plague "Infected" or "Suspected" Vessels or Vessels from Plague infected Ports arriving in the Port during the year - Nil.

TABLE H.

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates Issued during the Year.

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of Ships..... | 44 |
| Number of Deratisation Certificates issued after fumigation with Sulphur Dioxide..... | 1 |
| Number of Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued. | 43 |
| Total Certificates issued..... | 44 |

... HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES.

TABLE J.

Classification of Nuisances.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|-----|
| <u>British:-</u> | Defects of original construction..... | 12 |
| | Structural defects through wear and tear..... | 99 |
| | Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health..... | 195 |
| <u>Other Nations.</u> | | |
| | Defects of original construction..... | 3 |
| | Structural defects through wear and tear..... | 3 |
| | Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health..... | 16 |

V.- FOOD INSPECTION.

Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.

Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 resulted in 379 tons. 15 cwts. 0 qtrs. 6 lbs. of unsound food being disposed of for purposes other than human consumption.

PARROTS (PROHIBITION OF IMPORT) REGULATIONS, 1950.

One parrot came under the notice of your Inspectors, and one notice was issued to export, however, the owner decided to destroy the parrot under supervision.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE
YEAR 1944.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
County Borough and Port of Grimsby.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my
report for the year 1944, this being my First Annual Report.

During the year a chlorinated water supply
was available for washing trawlers fish rooms, and there has been
a further hygienic step made on many of the trawlers in the
reconstruction of the fish rooms, by dispensing with timber
construction on the sides and bulkheads in favour of a new method
of insulation, - a local patent known as "Whitsulite". This
insulation consists of plastic cork, followed by a reinforced
portland cement rendering and finished with a supercoat of a 100%
waterproof white skin, which gives a hard impervious surface to the
sides and bulkheads of the fishrooms, which are thereby ^{easily} cleansed and
the keeping quality of the fish is improved. This patent
insulation has stood up, for the past twelve months, to bunkering
in the spare fish rooms without damage.

The "Warning system" brought in by the
Ministry of Food with the concurrence of the Ministries of Health
and Agriculture & Fisheries has resulted in better quality
Icelandic fish coming to the Port.

Several of the roads in the port area are in
a bad condition, and the Railway Company should have these
reconstructed in concrete or granite sets when labour etc.,
becomes available.

I wish to express my gratitude to the
Members of the Port Health Sub-Committee and to Councillor

A. Drewry, the Chairman of the Committee for the support,
consideration and encouragement given during my period of office.


To the Port Medical Officers I am greatly indebted
for their valuable guidance and assistance.

Sufficient has been set out to show that the year
has been one of marked activity to which the staff have
responded.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Y. Mackintosh'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Chief Port Health Inspector.

Miss P.

DISTRICT INSPECTIONS.

During the year 1944 inspections and visits have been made as follows:-

| | |
|---|-----|
| Accumulations..... | 38 |
| Drainage inspections..... | 46 |
| Butchers shops..... | 3 |
| Factories and workplaces..... | 179 |
| Fish houses (Curing and Cleansing)..... | 859 |
| Food preparation premises..... | 5 |
| Public conveniences..... | 54 |
| Refreshment Rooms..... | 13 |
| Refuse receptacles..... | 33 |
| Wells and Pits..... | 45 |
| Shops Act, 1934..... | - |
| Verminous premises..... | 2 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 82 |
| Air Raid Shelters..... | 167 |

SAMPLES TAKEN.

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|--|---|
| Water Bacteriological examination..... | 2 |
| Water Chemical Analysis..... | 2 |
| Fuels..... | 1 |

NOTICES SERVED.

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Statutory..... | 1 |
| Informal..... | 257 |

OUTSTANDING NOTICES.

At the end of 1944 1 Statutory and 41 informal notices had not been complied with.

44 outstanding informal notices from 1943 were complied with.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS MADE AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR:-

| | |
|--|----|
| Accumulations removed..... | 19 |
| Drains cleared..... | 23 |
| Drains repaired..... | 9 |
| New manholes built..... | 5 |
| Sewers cleared..... | 4 |
| Soilpipes provided..... | 1 |
| Ventilation provided..... | 1 |
| Ventilation improved..... | 4 |
| Offensive smells abated..... | 1 |
| Road surfaces repaired..... | 6 |
| Verminous premises fumigated..... | 2 |
| Water closets cleansed and linewashed..... | 9 |
| Water closet cisterns repaired..... | 1 |
| Yard surfaces repaired..... | 1 |
| Fish houses (Curing & Cleansing) linewashed..... | 59 |
| Kit lofts cleansed..... | 9 |
| Floors (concrete) relaid..... | 3 |

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|--|---------|
| Floors (concrete) cleansed..... | 1 |
| Public conveniences cleansed..... | 3 |
| Public conveniences repaired..... | 2 |
| Public conveniences (pail closets converted to water carriage)..... | 14 |
| Public conveniences additional water closets | 2 |
| Public conveniences additional urinal stalls | 10 |
| New ventilation shafts..... | 5 |
| New drains laid..... | 34 yds. |
| Factories sanitary accommodation provided... | 1 |
| Factories unsuitable or defective sanitary accommodation..... | 11 |
| Premises linewashed..... | 39 |
| Messrooms cleansed..... | 1 |
| Other nuisances..... | 16 |

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered during the year and were destroyed or used for purposes other than for human consumption.

Fish. Fish 32 tons. 3 cwt. 2 qtrs. 14 lbs.

Fish (Canned & Bottled) etc., Herrings 1 lb; Pilchards 3 lbs;
Salmon 1½ lbs; Sardellas 2 qtrs. 2 lbs; Sardines 2 lbs; Fish
cakes 1 cwt. 1 qtr. 16 lbs.

Meats (Canned) Beef 19½ lbs; Ham 1 cwt. 0 qtr. 21½ lbs;
Ox tongue 6½ lbs; Pork 1 qtr. 16 lbs; Sausage meat 4½ lbs;

Vegetables (Canned) Beans 13 lbs; Peas 1¾ lbs; Mixed vegetables
13 lbs.

Provisions. Sugar 2 cwt. 0 qtr. 24 lbs; Cheese 2 qtr; Milk
(evaporated) 1 cwt. 2 qtrs. 15 lbs; Milk full cream 3½ lbs;
Cocoa ½ lb; Oxo 4 lbs; Jam 14 lbs; Pudding powder 6 lbs; Soup
1½ lbs; Flour 5 cwt. 2 qtrs. 14 lbs; Cornflakes 1 lb; Ryvita
4 lbs; Milk 1 pint; Chocolate 22 lbs; Bread 3 qtrs; Vermicelli
2 lbs; Cornflour 18 lbs; Barley 14 lbs; Margarine 1 lb.

Total weight: 32 tons. 19 cwt. 1 qtr. 6 lbs.

RATS AND FLEA (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

During the year 443 inspections and re-visits were made under the Act, and the estimated number of rats destroyed is 6,219.

Literature was distributed pointing out the obligations under the Act, also penalty for non-compliance.

FOOD SHOPS.

All premises where food is exposed for sale or prepared have been

visited and the conditions found were generally satisfactory.

SHOP ACT, 1934.

It was not possible with a depleted staff to carry out any inspections under this Act.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

179 inspections were made during the year, 52 informal notices were served on the persons responsible. It was not found necessary to institute any proceedings.

FISH MARKET.

The report referring to the Fish Market, and Offensive Trades is the same as that submitted in 1938. Work carried out included the following:- Fish merchants' stands cleansed 43, Fish merchants' barrows cleansed 38, Fish merchants' ice bins cleansed 30, Fish merchants' filleting troughs cleansed 8, Fish merchants' filleting troughs replaced with new 3, Fish curers' kits cleansed (lots) 7.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

54 visits have been made to conveniences and generally found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

14 pail closets were abolished and new pedestal water closets provided.

Additional public conveniences were erected during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 PART A CANAL BOATS.

During the year 66 inspections were made and 53 canal boats were found not conforming to the Act and Regulations. Cautions were given in respect of these, and it is known that 3 were attended to.

